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Claim Amendments

1. (Currently amended) A composite web adapted for use as a component in a disposable absorbent article, said composite web comprising a first fibrous layer and a second layer, said first and second layers each comprising a body-facing side and a garment-facing side and being disposed in a face to face relationship to form a laminate, said first fibrous layer comprising a fibrous web of randomly oriented fibers with respect to an X-Y plane, and comprising a plurality of discrete regions of fiber reorientation at least on said body-facing side, and comprising a plurality of fibers having portions reoriented in a direction substantially orthogonal to said X-Y plane and extending toward said garment-facing side of said second layer, and wherein each said discrete region has a linear orientation defining a longitudinal axis in said X-Y plane.
2. (Canceled).
3. (Original) The composite web of Claim 1, wherein said second layer is a fibrous layer.
4. (Original) The composite web of Claim 1 wherein said second layer is a polymer film layer.
5. (Original) The composite web of Claim 4, wherein said polymer film layer is apertured.
6. (Original) The composite web of Claim 3, wherein the first fibrous layer or the second fibrous layer are nonwoven webs comprising fibers that differ in one or more properties selected from the group consisting of: basis weight, caliper, fiber type, fiber size, fiber surface energy, and hydrophobicity.
7. (Original) The composite web of Claim 6, wherein the first fibrous layer or the second fibrous layer is chosen from the group consisting of, an airlaid nonwoven web, a spunbond nonwoven web, a meltblown nonwoven web, and a carded nonwoven web.
8. (Original) The composite web of Claim 1, wherein said plurality of discrete regions is uniformly distributed on said composite web.

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9. (Original) The composite web of Claim 6, wherein said fibers of either said first or second layer comprise polymers selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene, polyester, and blends thereof.

10. (Original) The composite web of Claim 6, wherein said fibers of either said first or second layer comprise bicomponent fibers.

11. (Original) The composite web of Claim 6, wherein said fibers of either said first or second layer comprise non-round fibers.

12. (Original) The composite web of Claim 1, wherein fibers having portions reoriented in a direction substantially orthogonal to said X-Y plane and extending toward said garment-facing side extend through said second precursor web.

13. (Original) The composite web of Claim 1, wherein fibers having portions reoriented in a direction substantially orthogonal to said X-Y plane and extending toward said garment-facing side do not extend through said second precursor web.

14. (Currently amended) A topsheet for a disposable absorbent article, the topsheet comprising a first fibrous layer and a second layer, said first and second layers each comprising a body-facing side and a garment-facing side and being disposed in a face to face relationship to form a laminate, said first fibrous layer comprising a fibrous web of randomly oriented fibers with respect to an X-Y plane, and comprising a plurality of discrete regions of fiber reorientation at least on said body-facing side, and comprising a plurality of fibers having portions reoriented in a direction substantially orthogonal to said X-Y plane and extending toward said garment-facing side of said second layer, and wherein each said discrete region has a linear orientation defining a longitudinal axis in said X-Y plane.

15. (Currently amended) An absorbent core for a disposable absorbent article, the absorbent core comprising a first fibrous layer and a second layer, said first and second layers each comprising a body-facing side and a garment-facing side and being disposed in a face to face relationship to form a laminate, said first fibrous layer comprising a fibrous web of randomly oriented fibers with respect to an X-Y plane, and comprising a plurality of discrete regions of fiber reorientation at least on said body-facing side, and comprising a plurality of fibers having portions reoriented in a direction substantially orthogonal to said X-Y plane and extending toward

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said garment-facing side of said second layer, and wherein each said discrete region has a linear orientation defining a longitudinal axis in said X-Y plane.